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Re: FRA File No.: FOIA-13-368

Dear Tentchoff :

This letter acknowledges receipt by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) records request seeking: All internal emails from 07/-06-08/2013 regarding the Lac-Megantic derailment/explosion in Canada.

We have assigned your request the FOIA file number indicated above and are initiating a search of the agency's files for responsive records. Please be advised that the FRA is currently experiencing a high number of FOIA requests and is addressing backlogged requests with all due diligence on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request will be addressed in the order it was received. We regret any inconvenience caused by the delay.

If you are interested in railroad accident data or reports, including railroad supplied accident reports for specific accidents you can access these materials through the FRA's web site at: [http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/officeof safety/](http://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/officeof%20safety/). FRA has also placed its completed FRA Headquarters-Level Railroad Accident Investigation Reports for accidents beginning with January 2005 on our website at <http://www.fra.dot.gov/Pages/1696.shtml>. All of the accidents that have been or are the subject of a headquarters-assigned investigation are identified and reports for completed investigations are available. It typically takes six to nine months from the date of the accident for a report to be completed. FRA's website is updated regularly as new accidents are assigned for investigation and additional investigation reports are completed.

If you are able to satisfy your request through the website, please let us know so we can focus on other pending requests. If you have any questions regarding the FOIA process, please contact me at (202) 493-6065 or betty.watson@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Betty J. Watson
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